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The Second Exhibition of the Metropolitan Mechanics' Institute.  
For the Promotion and Encouragement of Manufactures, Commerce, and the Mechanic and Useful Arts.

Will be opened at the city of Washington on Thursday, the 24th day of February, 1854, in the new and spacious hall of the Smithsonian Institution, which is one of the most magnificent rooms in the United States.

To this exhibition the manufacturers, mechanics, their artists, inventors, and all others desiring to display the results of their labor, skill, ingenuity, and taste, from all portions of the Union, are cordially invited to contribute.

The machinery department will be under the charge of a special superintendent. Steam power, fixtures, labor, &c., will be given free.

All intending to exhibit are required to give notice at as early a day as possible. Goods should be accompanied with a proper invoice.

The committee, therefore, feel, in inviting contributions from all portions of the Union to the second exhibition of the Metropolitan Mechanics' Institute, are offering it to the public, of every class, a valuable opportunity of making known to the whole country their novelty and utility, the superior style of their workmanship, and their adaptability to the purposes for which they may be intended.

The committee would respectfully solicit from the LADIES those specimens of elegant hardware work, hereunto heretofore so attractive and important a feature of our domestic manufactures, and also specimens of contributions to a committee of ladies, and to award premiums of metal plates, &c., suited to the tastes of the fair exhibitors.

The exhibition will be opened for the reception of goods on Monday, the 24th day of January; and on the evening of Tuesday, the 25th of February, at 7 o'clock, the exhibition will be formally opened for the reception of visitors.

Township *45*, *46*, *47*, *48*, *49*, *50*, *51*, *52*, *53*, *54*, *55*, *56*, *57*, *58*, *59*, *60*, *61*, *62*, *63*, *64*, *65*, *66*, *67*, *68*, *69*, *70*, *71*, *72*, *73*, *74*, *75*, *76*, *77*, *78*, *79*, *80*, *81*, *82*, *83*, *84*, *85*, *86*, *87*, *88*, *89*, *90*, *91*, *92*, *93*, *94*, *95*, *96*, *97*, *98*, *99*, *100*, *101*, *102*, *103*, *104*, *105*, *106*, *107*, *108*, *109*, *110*, *111*, *112*, *113*, *114*, *115*, *116*, *117*, *118*, *119*, *120*, *121*, *122*, *123*, *124*, *125*, *126*, *127*, *128*, *129*, *130*, *131*, *132*, *133*, *134*, *135*, *136*, *137*, *138*, *139*, *140*, *141*, *142*, *143*, *144*, *145*, *146*, *147*, *148*, *149*, *150*, *151*, *152*, *153*, *154*, *155*, *156*, *157*, *158*, *159*, *160*, *161*, *162*, *163*, *164*, *165*, *166*, *167*, *168*, *169*, *170*, *171*, *172*, *173*, *174*, *175*, *176*, *177*, *178*, *179*, *180*, *181*, *182*, *183*, *184*, *185*, *186*, *187*, *188*, *189*, *190*, *191*, *192*, *193*, 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